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1. The Mati bridge is in excellent condition. It is 150 meters long and eight meters wide and connects the Lesh-Milot highway. The bridge is constructed of reinforced concrete. War damages were repaired by German technicians who were prisoners of war at the time. The Bune bridge and the Drin bridge were hurriedly repaired with wood. They are about 80 meters long and six meters wide. The Bune bridge is located northwest of Shkoder and the Drin bridge is west of Shkoder. The North Drin bridge ( at the entrance of Pesh (sic) ) was repaired with wood and is about 70 meters long and six meters wide. The Sajak bridge, ten kms from Durres, was also hurriedly repaired with wood and is not very safe. It is about 50 meters long and six meters wide; weights under 25 tons are allowed to pass over this bridge.
2. The bridge that connects Tirana with Elbasan, ten kms from South Tirana, is of cement and is 40 meters long and six meters wide; it is in fairly good condition. The bridge which connects Tirana with Kavaje, ten kms west of Tirana, two sections of which have been repaired with American steel, is not more than four meters wide and 80 meters long; the repairs seem satisfactory and 25 ton weights are permitted to pass over it. The Shkumbi-Elbasan bridge, 1 km west of Elbasan, is about 80 meters long and six meters wide and is of reinforced concrete. It was repaired hurriedly, but can support 30 to 35 tons of weight. The Rrogozhine bridge is new and was built by Albanian engineers. The girders are made of steel and it appears to be strongly built. It is about 80 meters long and five meters wide and it can support weights up to 30 tons. Located about three kms south of Rrogozhine, it links Kavaje with Lushnje; it is 20 kms

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from Kvae (sic) and 15 kms from Peqin. The North Lushnje bridge is 15 meters long and five meters wide and is made of concrete. The Osum river bridge, four kms from North Fier, is about 90 meters long and five meters wide and is built solidly of concrete. The bridge over the Vijose river, 20 kms north of Vlone and a few kilometers from Fier, is 100 meters long and five meters wide; it is built of concrete and steel and appears to be strong.

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